

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have heard the Hon. Members Sri Siddaveerappa, Sri V. N. Patil and the Hon. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and I shall bear everything in mind and give due consideration to that. I shall give my decision on this point a little later.

The House will now proceed with the scheduled business according to the list of business.

Call attention to a matter of urgent public Importance

re: Elections to the Bangalore City Corporation

Sri T. R. SHAMANNA (Fort).—I call the attention of the Minister of State for Municipal Administration to the delay in holding election to the Bangalore City Corporation.

† Sri B. M. PATIL (Minister of State for Municipal Administration).—Sir, the view taken by the Hon. Member that the Corporation Act requires the voters in each division should be, as far as practicable according to 1961 census is misconstrued. Section 48 (2) of the City of Bangalore Municipal Corporation Act, 1949 lays down that the ratio between the number of councillors to be elected from each division and the population of that division as ascertained at the last preceding census shall, so far as, practicable be the same throughout the city. The Act provides only that the ratio between the number of Councillors to be elected from each division and the population of that division as per the preceding census should be maintained. The delimitation of divisions for the purposes of election to the Corporation is, as per sub-section (1) of Section 48 of the Act, based on the population of the division as per the last preceding census.

Article 170 (2) of the Constitution relating to the composition of the Legislative Assembly contains a provision that each State shall be divided into territorial constituencies in such manner that the ratio between the population of each constituency and the number of seats allotted to it shall, so far as practicable, be the same throughout the State. Sub-section (4) of section 5 and sub-section (2) of section 100 of the Mysore Village Panchayats and Local Boards Act, 1959, also contemplate that the number of members to be elected from each territorial constituency of a Panchayat or Taluk Board should be on the basis of the population of that constituency as ascertained at the last preceding census. Therefore, the number of seats allotted to several divisions in the Corporation is in accordance with Section 48 (2) of the Corporation Act and it is in accordance with the well accepted principle.

Government is not aware of any decision of the High Court in which Section 48 (2) has been construed with reference to the number of voters in each territorial division.

(SRI B. M. PATIL)

The Municipal Commissioner has been instructed that the Corporation should arrange to hold an election for the Corporation early. As a first step in this direction, the Commissioner, Bangalore Corporation, has drawn up tentatively a calendar of events according to which the polling is to take place during December 1969. He has also taken action to prepare the Electoral Roll as per the provision of Rule (1) of Schedule VIII of the City of Bangalore Municipal Corporation Act 1949. A Bill to amend the Act for the preparation of the rolls with reference to the house number is being placed before this House during the current session. Government are very anxious to have the elections to the Corporation conducted according to the calendar of events and to see that the elected body comes into being with the least possible delay. All possible steps are being taken in this direction and the elections will be held as soon as possible.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಆರ್. ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭಾಪತಿಗಳೇ, ನಮಗೆ ಈ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯ ಪ್ರಕಾರ “the ratio between the number of Councillors to be elected from each division and the population of that division as per the preceding census should be maintained” ಎಂದು ಇದೆ. ಈಗ ಒಂದು ಡಿವಿಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ 30 ಸಾವಿರ ಮಕ್ಕೊಂದು ಡಿವಿಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ 6 ಸಾವಿರ ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಇದೆ. As far as practicable ಎಂದರೆ ಈಕ್ವರ್ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಕ್ಲಾರಿಫೈ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ಎಂಬ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಬಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎಂ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಡಿವಿಷನ್ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳುವುದಾದರೆ ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ 48 (2)ನಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಆಯಾ ಡಿವಿಷನ್‌ನ ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಹೊರ ಸೆನ್‌ಸಸ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ ಡಿವಿಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಇತ್ತು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇನ್ನು ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಡೆಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಅದಷ್ಟು ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಡೆಸಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಆತುರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲ, ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರೇಷನ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಏನಿವೆ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸೂಚನೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ಅವರು ಒಂದು ಟೆನ್‌ಟೆಟಿವ್ ಕ್ಯಾಲೆಂಡರ್ ಆಫ್ ಇವೆಂಟ್ಸ್ ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡು ಅದರಂತೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಡೆಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅಲ್ಲಿಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈ ಒಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Seventeenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee

Presentation

Mr. SPEAKER.—I beg to present the Seventeenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

Sri D. MANJUNATH (Hiriyur).—I beg to move :

“That this House agrees with the 17th Report of the Business Advisory Committee.”

Sri K. H. PATIL.—May I seek some clarification ? We find that the Marketing Agricultural Produce Marketing Regulation does not come into the picture. It was decided at the previous meeting that four